

BEFORE THE MISSOURI
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE FOR)
SOCIAL WORKERS,)

Petitioner,)

v.)

No. 09-1474 SW

DOROTHY LAVINGTON)

Respondent.)

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

I.

Statement of the Case

On or about October 28, 2010, the Administrative Hearing Commission entered its Decision in the case of *State Committee for Social Workers v. Dorothy Lavington*, Case No. 09-1474 SW. The Administrative Hearing Commission certified the records of its proceedings and its Decision in *State Committee for Social Workers v. Dorothy Lavington*, Case No. 09-1474 SW, to the Missouri State Committee for Social Workers ("Committee") on approximately November 30, 2010. In its Decision, the Administrative Hearing Commission found that Respondent Lavington's clinical social worker license is subject to disciplinary action by the Committee pursuant to § 337.630.2(6), RSMo 2000.

The Committee has received and reviewed the record of the proceedings before the Administrative Hearing Commission and the Decision. The Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance § 621.110 and § 337.630.4, RSMo, the Committee held a hearing on March 29, 2011, at approximately 1:00 p.m. at the Division of

Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri, for the purpose of determining the appropriate disciplinary action against Respondent's license. The Committee was represented by Assistant Attorney General Stephanie White Thorn. Respondent was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel. After being present and considering all of the evidence presented during the hearing, the Committee issues the following Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order.

II.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent holds a clinical social worker license from the Committee (license number 001915).
2. The Committee hereby adopts and incorporates herein the findings of fact contained in the Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission in *State Committee for Social Workers v. Dorothy Lavington,*, Case No. 09-1474 SW.
3. In its October 28, 2010, Decision, the Administrative Hearing Commission found the Committee has grounds to discipline Respondent's license pursuant to § 337.630.2(6), RSMo 2000.
4. The Committee set this matter for disciplinary hearing and served notice of the disciplinary hearing upon Respondent in a proper and timely fashion.

III.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Committee has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to § 621.110 and § 337.630.4, RSMo.

6. The Committee expressly adopts and incorporates by reference the Conclusions of Law and the Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission in *State Committee for Social Workers v. Dorothy Lavington*, Case No. 09-1474 SW, finding cause to discipline Lavington's clinical social worker license pursuant to § 337.630.2(6), RSMo 2000.

7. As a result of the foregoing, and as identified in the Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission, Lavington's clinical social worker license is subject to disciplinary action by the Committee, pursuant to § 337.630.2(6), RSMo 2000.

8. The Committee has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

IV.

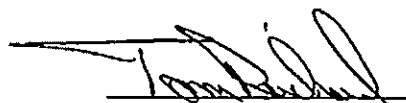
Order

A. Having fully considered all the evidence before the Committee, and giving full weight to the Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission, it is the **ORDER** of the Committee, that Respondent's clinical social worker license is hereby **REVOKED** from the effective date of this Order. Upon receipt of this Order, Respondent shall immediately return all evidence of licensure to the Committee.

B. The Committee will maintain this Order as an open record of the Committee as provided in Chapters 324, 337, and 610, RSMo, as amended.

SO ORDERED, THIS 14th day of April, 2011.

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE FOR
SOCIAL WORKERS



Tom Reichard, Executive Director